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SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The Applicant asserts that he is entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,



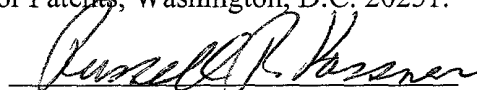
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